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AND METHOD OF INCREASING HEMATOPOIETIC CELLS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the specification:

On page 1, delete the title ("NOVEL USE OF MK FAMILY AS HEMATOPOIETIC FACTOR") and insert in its place --"USE OF THE MK FAMILY AS HEMATOPOIETIC FACTORS".--

On page 1, after the title of the application, insert

--Cross Reference to Related Applications

now U.S. Patent 6,383,480,

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/214,569, ^  
which is a National Phase Application, filed January 7, 1999, under 35 U.S.C §371, of  
International Application No. PCT/JP97/02401, filed July 10, 1997.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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